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MONEY FOR CHARITY

Munificent Bequests Made by the Late Henry L. Pierce.

MORE THAN \$500,000 DISBURSED

Harvard College Gets \$50,000—Various Religious Denominations Benefit by His Bounty—Large Bequests to Business Associates.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, which has been filed for probate, after numerous legacies to relatives and friends, makes the following public bequests, which are to bear proportionately any deficiency that may occur after paying the personal legacies, which have precedence: To the Methodist, Baptist, Orthodox, Unitarian and Catholic societies of the village of Dorchester Lower Mills, where deceased resided, and the Episcopal society of Ashmont, \$3,000 each; to the town of Stoughton, \$25,000 for the purchase of books for a free public library; to Harvard college, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts General Hospital, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$50,000; to the Museum of Fine Arts, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital, \$50,000; to the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, \$50,000; to the Children's Hospital on Huntington Avenue, Boston, \$50,000; to the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, \$50,000; to the New England Hospital for Women and Children, \$50,000; to the Home for Aged Men on West Springfield Street, Boston, \$50,000; to the Home for Aged Women, at 103 Revere Street, Boston, \$50,000; to the Home for Aged Couples, on Walnut Avenue, corner of Seaver Street, Boston, \$50,000; to the Home for Aged Colored Women, Myrtle Street, Boston, \$5,000; to the Channing Home on McLean Street, Boston, \$5,000; to the Boston Home for incurables on Dorchester Avenue, \$50,000; to the Boston Children's Aid Society, \$5,000; to the Society for the Allegiate Instruction of Women in Cambridge, Mass., \$20,000; to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, \$20,000; to the Boston Lying-in Hospital on McLean Street, \$20,000; to the Commandery of the State of Massachusetts Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, \$5,000. Any of the residue that may remain after paying all the legacies is to be divided equally among the Museum of Arts, the President and fellows of Harvard College, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Homoeopathic Hospital. The will also bequeaths the following sums to the officers and employees of Walter Baker & Co., limited, of which corporation Mr. Pierce was the head: J. Frank Howland, president and Mr. Pierce's confidential clerk; Charles F. and Talbot B. Aldrich, directors, and H. C. Gallagher, vice-president, receive \$100,000 each; Frank S. Hall, head of the New York agency; Wm. H. Brooks, clerk of the corporation, and James M. Bagwood, receive \$75,000 each; John E. Dodge, treasurer; Harry Delano, Richard Folsom, head of the Chicago agency; Ethan A. Cushing, superintendent of the works at Milton; William Brooks and Charles A. Pope, receive \$10,000 each.

New York Senatorship.

Albany, Dec. 23.—Mayor John Boyd Thacher of Albany is not a candidate for the minority nomination for United States senator to succeed David B. Hill. He stated this fact to Assemblyman Kelly of Albany, who broached the subject to him. Mr. Thacher said he would not take the nomination even if the democrats had a majority vote in the legislature. Mr. Kelly said he would vote for Senator Hill to receive the minority complimentary nomination for United States senator.

A Race War Feared.

Louisville, Dec. 23.—A race war is imminent at Mayfield, the scene of the lynching of "Jim" Stone, the negro who was hanged by a mob for assaulting Mrs. Green last November. There has been much bitter feeling, the negroes having made threats to avenge the lynching of Stone and the killing of Henry Finney. A number of negroes have been warned to leave town and more trouble is expected.

Buffalo Newspaper Changes.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—The announcement is made that Samuel G. Blythe, managing editor of the Express, will on Jan. 1 become editor-in-chief of the Buffalo Evening Enquirer, to succeed Joseph O'Connor. It is also reported that David Gray is soon to become managing editor of the Buffalo Courier, which position his father held some years ago.

Railroad Consolidation.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 23.—The directors of the Pittsburgh, Shenango & Lake Erie railroad have authorized the consolidation of their road with the Butler & Pittsburgh railroad. The new road will be called the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie, and will extend from Conneaut, Ohio, and Erie, Pa. to

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Ninety-First Anniversary of Its Organization Celebrated Last Night.

New York, Dec. 23.—The New England society celebrated the ninety-first anniversary of its organization and the 276th of the landing of the Pilgrims by a dinner last night at the Waldorf. The dinner was held in the new ball room of the hotel, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion. Banners on which were inscribed in letters of gold the names of the New England states were around the banquet hall. There was a wealth of choice flowers at the various tables, and wreaths of evergreen were everywhere seen. In the absence of Chas. C. Beaman, the president of the New England society, who has gone out of town for the holidays, ex-judge Henry F. Howland, the first vice-president, presided at the dinner. The following is the list of toasts and the names of the gentlemen who responded to them: "Forefathers' Day"—E. J. Phelps, examiner to the court of St. James; "Our Debt to the Pilgrim Fathers"—the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage; "Some New Englanders in Georgia"—Col. Richard Malcolm Johnston of Baltimore; "New England Literature"—Hamilton W. Mabie; "The results of Puritan Influence"—Gen. Horace Porter; "The Navy"—Hilary A. Herbert, secretary of the navy; "The Army"—Gen. Nelson A. Miles; "The Civic Compact and the Church Covenant of the Pilgrim"—Nathan Lord, president of the Pilgrims society of Plymouth; "The City of New York"—Mayor Strong; "Our Sister Societies"—J. Kennedy Tod. Covers were laid for 500. Among those present besides those mentioned above were Horace Russell, Stewart L. Woodford, Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Gen. Thos. H. Ruger, Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, Commodore Montgomery Sicard, Charles A. Dana, Cornelius N. Bliss, C. P. Huntington, Arthur F. Bowers and ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower.

FRIZZELL UNDER ARREST.

The Man Who Shot Mrs. Young and Himself Must Stand Trial.

Plymouth, N. H., Dec. 23.—Harry Frizzell, the 19-year-old youth who shot Mrs. Edith Calvin Young in both arms with a 22-calibre revolver at the Central house, last Wednesday, and then attempted to kill himself, has been placed under arrest at the instance of County Solicitor Adams, the charge being attempt to kill and murder, with malice aforethought. Frizzell is under a keeper and will be arraigned as soon as his health will permit, which will undoubtedly be in a few days as his health is improving as is his intended victim. Since she has been able to tell her story, it is more generally believed than his, but there are circumstances in the case which make it look as if she planned the shooting as claimed by Frizzell.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN POOR.

All the Sheriff Could Find to Attach Was a Chip.

Boston, Dec. 23.—John L. Sullivan was in the poor debtor court yesterday on a docket bill of \$318 on which judgment has been obtained. The items in the bill dated from June 19, 1894, to December 9, 1894. The first was for four bathtub legs, but nearly all the others were for funeral designs, ranging in cost from \$25 to \$500. The bill had been approved by the court and a deputy sheriff was given a writ of attachment. John L. lived at 23 Folsom Street, Roxbury, but the officer could not find him, but he had anything to attach, so he attached a chip which fulfils the legal requirements. The ex-champion was examined as to the amount of money he had made and how he spent it and the case was postponed until January 11.

New York Assembly.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Assemblyman Fred Nixon of Chautauque county who arrived here from Albany yesterday, says that the assembly state as at present made up bears the name of O'Grady for speaker, and his own for the leadership of the majority. Mr. Nixon said it was the general opinion among the legislators whom he met while in the east that the democratic leader would be Mr. Finn of New York.

Want a Duty on Lumber.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23.—A meeting of the manufacturers of yellow pine lumber of this section was held here yesterday for the purpose of taking steps to present the views of the lumbermen to congress on the subject of the tariff on lumber. The meeting was very strongly in favor of the restoration of the tariff of 1882 of \$2 per thousand. A committee was appointed to memorialize congress on the subject.

The Baltimore No. 6 Mine Accident.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.—All the miners resumed Monday evening from the Baltimore No. 6 mine after an explosion of gas had occurred here in an improving condition this morning, excepting Michael Chumppo, who was badly burned about the body and may die. All the others will recover.

New British Commissioner.

London, Dec. 23.—The Hon. George Edwin King has been gazetted British commissioner for the fishing seas arbitration.

WEYLER IS DEJECTED

Would Really Welcome the Appointment of His Successor.

REBELLION POSSIBLE IN HAVANA

News of the Military Chief's Operations in the Province of Pinar del Rio Awaited with Intense Interest—The Battle of Pinar del Rio.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Reports of the operations of General Weyler on the field of military activity in the province of Pinar del Rio are awaited here with intense interest, as the captain-general intimated before his departure yesterday that advice announcing a decided Spanish victory might be expected within a day or two. Spaniards here profess to believe that the military chief will keep good his word at this time, as they think he is in possession of secret information telling him of the concentration of a large body of the insurrectionists in that province, which, they assert, he will not hesitate to attack, having every confidence in his ability to achieve a brilliant success. Beneath this confident attitude, however, may be discerned anxiety, not for the death of the captain-general, but that his plans may be again frustrated, in which event it is believed that the American congress will surely take a hand in the struggle to the great detriment of the Spanish cause. Another cause for this anxiety is the growing scarcity of funds with which to purchase those luxuries so dear to the Spanish heart, for, although many of them have an ample stock of money, prices for even the necessities of life are rapidly advancing. The announcement of the fact that the United Railways of Havana can pay no dividend and that arrangements are being completed for their sale to an English syndicate has also operated to cast a damper upon the spirits of even the most hopeful. While subdued in tone, the dissatisfaction with the conduct of affairs in Cuba is none the less deep on the part of those who are compelled to bear the largest part of the burden of the war, who have been repeatedly disappointed by the non-performance of General Weyler's bright promises, and it may be necessary for him to return to Havana to hold in check a possible revolt at the very heart of Spain's hold upon Cuba. These things are, of course, only whispered in secret, but they are none the less evident to an acute observer. It is also vaguely rumored that Gen. Weyler is becoming weary with the never-ending warfare and the petty annoyances and complaints to which a man in his position is naturally subjected, and it is said that he would not only welcome the appointment of his successor, but would resign were it not for the fear that his military reputation would suffer by so doing. While only news of an encouraging character is permitted to be published, many Spaniards read between the lines of the dispatches and discover that the so-called successes of the Spanish arms are in reality mere pretences on the part of the authorities to prevent the real truth being known. It is safe to say that there is more doubt and uncertainty as to the outcome of the war in Spanish mind today than at any time since the rebellion began. General Solano reports that the battle recently fought by Col. Lara with the combined forces of the insurgents under Maxia, Rodriguez and other leaders in the Oliver hills, near Pinar del Rio, was a more important engagement than was at first reported. It has since been learned that the rebels had upwards of 200 killed or wounded, while the loss to the troops was only one captain and twelve privates wounded.

CLEVELAND'S CUBAN MESSAGE.

Spanish Cabinet To Have the Document Read in the Cortes.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Madrid says that a meeting of the cabinet, which was held yesterday, discussed the Cuban section of President Cleveland's message to congress, an official copy of the message having been received by Prime Minister Canovars del Castillo a short time ago. The matter was considered in all its aspects, and it was finally agreed that as the references to Cuba in the message affected the cortes they must be read before that body. The cortes is not in session now, and, unless an extraordinary session is called, it will not meet for some weeks. The cabinet arrived at no decision as to when the message should be read. Admiral Beranger, minister of marine, submitted requests for money for the purchase of coal and for other naval purposes and these were granted. The cabinet at its meeting last evening decided to make no diplomatic reply to President Cleveland's message.

Cold Weather in the Adirondacks.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The lowest temperature this winter thus far prevails in the Adirondack region. At North Creek the thermometer indicates 14 degrees below zero, at Marion River 13 degrees below, Keene Centre 4 below, and at Schroon Lake 3.

CHICAGO FAILURES

Fears for the Safety of Several Other Financial Firms.

BANKERS BELIEVE THE WORST IS OVER

Savings Banks Take Refuge Under the Sixty Day Notice Law—Fear That the Clearing House May Withdraw Its Offer of Aid.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The failure yesterday of Angus & Gindelen, one of the largest contracting firms in this city, with assets of \$300,000 and liabilities of \$250,000, has added greatly to the excitement caused by the bank failures, and fears are entertained for the financial safety of several other banks and large private firms. The firm of Angus & Gindelen was a heavy debtor of the National Bank of Illinois and, it is claimed, owed that institution over \$200,000. The news of the failure of the Bank of Minnesota and the Union Stock Yards banks at St. Paul has had no appreciable effect upon the situation here, as those banks had very small business dealings with any of the financial concerns here and their failure was really not unexpected. The associated banks have taken prompt, thorough and conservative action to avoid a serious scare on the part of the public which has millions of dollars in savings accounts deposited with city banks. The Illinois Trust leads all the local banks in its saving deposits, having nearly \$12,000,000. The Hibernian bank has less than \$3,400,000 of such accounts. The solid showing made by the banks which did not loan on the collapsed national bank has had a somewhat reassuring effect on the public and the general feeling in the banking community is that the worst is over, so far as those institutions were concerned. There is a fear in some quarters that the Clearing House association may not prolong its offer to loan 75 per cent. of approved claims against the National Bank of Illinois and that within the next ten days there may be a tightening of their purse-strings. At a conference of the savings banks of the city, which was held when the runs began at the Hibernian and Illinois Trust banks, it was unanimously agreed to adopt an unusual means towards checking what might become an epidemic of apprehension. Instead of attempting to allay the scare by paying all demands in full on the spot, which has proven to be an unwise policy in the past, the banks decided to stand upon their statutory rights and demand notice of sixty days in case of all withdrawals exceeding \$100. John Angus, president of the Angus & Gindelen Contracting company, says that the assets are estimated to be worth \$300,000 and the liabilities are placed at \$250,000. These figures are believed to be largely guesswork, however, and exaggerated in case of the assets. It is said the firm owes the National Bank of Illinois alone \$250,000 for money borrowed, and the security is said to be of a class which will be slow to realize on. The present partnership was formed in 1888. The company had a large contract on the drainage canal and was the principal owner of the security building at Madison Street and Fifth Avenue, which was built by the firm.

Warrants for Two Bankers.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Warrants were sworn out before Justice Hall last night for the arrest of E. S. Dreyer and Robert Berger of the wrecked banking firm of E. S. Dreyer & Co. The warrants charge the bankers with the violation of the banking law of Illinois, by receiving deposits after the institution was insolvent, and were sworn out by Frank Kennedy, a saloonkeeper on Dearborn Street. He claims to have made a deposit in the bank after it had been insolvent. Robert Berger, one of the partners, is a son-in-law of George Schneider, president of the defunct National Bank of Illinois.

Wants \$20,000 Damages.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 23.—Lulu Moulton has sued Mrs. Ella Lamb, both of this city, for the alienation of the affections of her husband. Mrs. Lamb, one of the largest taxpayers of this city, recently secured a divorce from M. D. Lamb, a well-known physician. The case is returnable at the March term of the Washington county court.

Money for Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the interior has drawn upon the treasury for \$10,800,000 for the quarterly payment of pensions. This will be distributed at pension agencies as follows: Pittsburgh, \$1,775,000; Milwaukee, \$1,875,000; Des Moines, \$2,100,000; Concord, N. H., \$700,000; Chicago, \$2,750,000; Buffalo, \$1,600,000.

Charged with Embezzlement.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—George M. Mattison of New York City, who was arrested here late yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with having embezzled \$1,000 from his former employers, the Birge Manufacturing company of Canton, O., will be taken back to New York this afternoon.

AMNESTY FOR ARMENIANS.

The Sultan Shows Mercy to More Than 2,000 Prisoners.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the sultan has issued a decree granting amnesty to more than 2,000 Armenians who had been convicted either of crimes against the government or against persons or property, or who were awaiting trial on such charges. In addition his majesty commutes the death sentence passed on ninety Armenians to imprisonment in a fortress, and promises that these prisoners will be given their liberty if they behave themselves for three months. This clemency is due to the intervention of Mr. Ormanian, the Armenian patriarch, who recently requested the sultan to show mercy to the many Armenian prisoners. The sultan then consented to grant a general amnesty on condition that the patriarchal mixed council guarantee the future good behavior of the Armenians affected by his act of clemency.

VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT.

No Indications Pointing to Suicide in the Case of Miss Powell.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Miss Mary H. Powell of Winona, Somerset county, Md., who was found dead in bed yesterday at a boarding house on Spruce Street, having been killed by inhaling illuminating gas which had escaped from an open jet, came to this city Monday to have an operation performed upon her nose at a hospital here, and, as nothing in the case pointed to suicide, it is the supposition that the unfortunate woman was the victim of an accident. Miss Powell was well dressed, had on a gold watch and chain and twenty dollars in money with her. Her friends were notified and they telegraphed the coroner that they would come here and take charge of the remains.

M'AUILLIFFE LEAVES THE RING.

Retires Before He Meets the Fate of Sullivan and Dempsey.

New York, Dec. 23.—Jack McAuliffe has announced officially that he has retired from the ring. He writes from Portland, Ore., to Arthur F. Lumley, as follows: "I am through. You can tell the boys that I have made up my mind finally to retire from the game. I have been twelve years in the ring and have seen Sullivan and Dempsey go down in the same ring in New Orleans. There is no use of my waiting for the same fate. I have never been defeated, and the public have never lost any money on me. I am going back to Frisco and from there I will leave for home, where I expect to get down to business."

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Maine—G. W. Ray, Corea. New York—E. T. Boyd, Wallington. Pennsylvania—H. A. Bryan, Baden; I. G. Burkett, Stormont. The senate has confirmed the following postmaster nominations: New York—J. E. Brennan, Highland Falls; J. C. Brophy, Shortsville; J. E. Cannon, Andover; Marvin D. Fisher, Spencer; John A. Hume, Hume; Edmund Hill, Willard; Peck, Hudson; C. S. Powell, Freeport; E. J. Shanahan, Amsterdam; B. M. Tasker, Fort Edward; Leander Wright, Amityville.

Palmer Awarded 6 1-4 Cents.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Tyndale Palmer, agent, who recently brought suit for damages against about 100 leading newspapers in the United States, charging libel in having published an article alleging dishonest transactions on his part, yesterday received a verdict of six and a quarter cents against the Leader Publishing company. His suit was for \$50,000.

An Italian Banker Dreams.

New York, Dec. 23.—Marcello H. Baralati, a well known Italian banker, has mysteriously left the city, leaving several hundred depositors and creditors to mourn his departure. The sheriff is now in charge of Baralati's banking establishments. Altogether it is supposed that Baralati has been camped with between \$50,000 to \$75,000.

\$30,000 Fire at Townsend, Nt.

Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 23.—The town of Townsend's third disastrous fire in two years broke out yesterday, destroying four buildings, rendering eight families homeless and doing damage in amount of \$30,000. The origin is uncertain, but was probably incendiary.

Big Water Company.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 23.—The New Jersey Water company has filed articles of incorporation at the county clerk's office. The company's capital is placed at \$2,000,000. The object of the company is to acquire land and water rights and construct works to supply municipalities and villages with water in New Jersey and elsewhere.

Silver Dollars and Fractional Coin.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints and treasury offices for the week ended Dec. 19 was \$769,724, and for the corresponding period last year was \$895,828. The shipment of fractional silver coin from Dec. 1 to 19 aggregated \$726,320.

SEVEN SHOT DOWN

Republican Agitators in Spain Attacked by the Gendarmes.

DYNAMITE BOMBS FOUND AND SEIZED

A Number of the Agitators Captured and Placed Under Arrest—Officials Assert That It Was Only a Demonstration of Anarchists.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—A small band of men carrying a republican flag assembled yesterday at No. 5, province of Alicante, and when called upon to disperse by the gendarmes refused to do so. They were again ordered to disperse, and upon their second refusal the gendarmes fired upon them, killing seven of them. The others then fled precipitately, but the gendarmes pursued and captured several of them. A search was made of the lodgings of the prisoners and a number of dynamite bombs were found. The police are at a loss to decide whether the assembling of the men was for the purpose of making a demonstration of sympathy for the anarchists sentenced Saturday at Barcelona, or whether it was a manifestation of republicanism. The finding of the bombs tends to make them believe the men are anarchists, but the public are confident it was a republican demonstration.

SANGUILY'S TRIAL.

Prosecuting Attorney Demands a Sentence of Life Imprisonment.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The trial of Julio Sanguiy, on charges of conspiring against the Spanish authority, is being continued to-day. The attendance is smaller than when the trial commenced. The sitting was devoted entirely to the speeches of the prosecuting attorney and counsel for the defense. The former continued the argument against the prisoner and again insisted that Sanguiy's guilt had been proved and that he should be sentenced to life imprisonment. He denied any partiality being shown the prisoner on account of his being a Spaniard by birth or because he was an American citizen, and held that exact justice demanded that severe punishment be meted out to him. Counsel for the defense followed the prosecutor. In a cool and reasonable speech he refuted the charges made against his client, and demanded that he be set at liberty. Before the speech had been concluded the court adjourned.

Fire at Elmira Reformatory.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The F. H. Mills Manufacturing company of the New York state reformatory was burned out last night. The flames destroyed two large brick buildings belonging to the state. The loss will approximate \$90,000, including which nearly one-half is on state property and on which the state has no insurance. The fire for a time threatened the entire reformatory. The convicts were locked in their cells for the night before the fire was discovered. The fire was due to spontaneous combustion. It burned for five hours before it was gotten under control.

Work for New York's Prisoners.

Albany, Dec. 23.—The wardens of the state prisons have been receiving letters from prisoners stating that they understand work will be suspended in the prisons after January 1, and that the prisoners will be locked up in their cells, then, Lathrop, the superintendent of state prisons, has instructed the wardens to inform the prisoners that the prison authorities expect to find employment for the prisoners after January 1, but that in any event they will not be locked up in their cells, but will be allowed exercise if they are not kept employed.

B. & O. Railroad Changes.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—J. Van Smith, general superintendent of the transportation division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has been appointed general superintendent of the New York division to succeed Frank S. Cannon, who goes to the Southern railway as general manager. The appointment is effective January 1.

Greek Insurgents Kill Several Turks.

Athens, Dec. 23.—A newspaper here says that on Sunday a number of Greek insurgents at Propheet Elias, in the Olympus district, attacked eighty Turkish troops who were escorting eight judicial officials. All the latter and twenty-four of the soldiers were shot. It is stated that the insurgents lost four killed.

Negro To Be Executed.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 23.—John Henry Barker, colored, was convicted of murder in the first degree in the supreme court yesterday and sentenced to be electrocuted during the first week in February next. Barker shot and killed his wife in August last.

To Enforce Prize-Fight Law.

Albany, Dec. 23.—Gov. Morton has sent a letter to Sheriff Boeth of Queens county requesting him to enforce the laws with reference to the prize-fight announced to take place at Long Island City to-night.

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Those Ladies Who Waited.

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A Cloak, formerly \$ 6 50,	\$3.98.
A Cloak, formerly \$10 00,	\$4.98.
A Cloak, formerly \$14 00,	\$7.48.
A Cloak, formerly \$18 00,	\$9.75.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

LEGEND OF HOT SPRINGS.

Tradition Ascribes Their Discovery to Ponce de Leon.

Cold History, However, Does Not Corroborate the Pretty Tale—Greatest Place on Earth for Quacks and Gamblers.

(Special Hot Springs (Ark.) Letter.) A resort without a tradition is like a nation without a history; consequently all resorts, whether for health or pleasure, must have a tradition or legend in order to become popular with visitors. If there is one overhanging rock it is a "Lover's Leap," or, if a cauldron, it is the "Devil's Punch Bowl," with stories to match. Most all curative springs were discovered by Ponce de Leon in his search for that fountain of eternal youth, notwithstanding that he was killed by Indians almost immediately on his landing in Florida. Hot Springs, in Arkansas, according to the guide books, has a well-founded tradition to the effect that these boiling waters were first discovered by the over-gay Spaniard who wanted to be made young again, not for one night, but for all time. As an evidence, here are the springs. But the waters are good enough without the tradition. Broken pieces of pottery, arrow heads and mounds show that this pretty valley at the foot of the Ozark mountains was originally inhabited by Indians who came to bathe in the waters for the cure of various diseases, also wounds received in tribal wars. The valley was regarded by all as neutral ground, and the Indians of several tribes came from all sections for hundreds of miles. From them the Spaniards on the gulf coast no doubt learned of the "Springs of Perennial Youth."

The valley in which the town of Hot Springs is situated is about three miles in length, with an average width of half a mile, and from the mountain top spreads out like a fishhook on a large scale. A creek runs through the valley, which serves as a sewer, carrying off the water from the bath houses. Through deference to those with sensitiveness of smell the creek has been covered.

The mountain, or "spur," overlooking the town runs north and south. About 100 springs issue from its sides, and, strangely enough, as in the grandest



LEGEND OF PONCE DE LEON'S DISCOVERY.

works of nature, those on the west side are hot while those on the east are cold, with one exception, which seemingly stands out alone, merely as an illustration of nature's vagaries.

The hot springs range in temperature from 80 to 150 degrees. In "hog-killing time," in early days, farmers scalded their hogs in these springs, as it saved the heating of water, and the women washed the soiled linen, and incidentally aired the gossip of the neighborhood. Later, the government claimed the land and the water, on the grounds, or basis, of its mineral qualities.

The water is tempered to suit the condition of the patient—the "dose" being gradually increased. Physicians disagree, as usual, as to whether the medicinal qualities lie in the water or in the heat. The combination of the two works the cure, and the springs are beneficial for everything except heart disease and consumption. Frequently sudden deaths of patients are reported. This is the cause—they had not reported these ailments to the physician.

There are almost as many theories as to the inherent qualities of these waters, the cause of the heat and their source, as there are physicians in the town. Nearly every doctor has his own theory, and the patient pays his money and takes his choice. Strangely enough, the springs show no sign of "giving out." They flow on like the brook that is supposed to run forever, giving the same volume day and night as when noted by the first white settlers about half a century ago. Geologists assert that, according to certain formations, these springs have been boiling and bubbling for about 2,000 years. In addition to the Ponce de Leon legend there is a story to the effect that when the first white settler of the valley camped here and discovered that the water was red hot, that he immediately hitched up and left in a hurry, declaring that hades was not far off.

A peculiarity of the water is that it is absolutely tasteless and much lighter than ordinary water, because the air has been boiled out of it. A person can drink it without the tongue being burned, yet if poured on the hand it would burn the skin. At the first draught the patient feels like casting up the water, but, strangely, he cannot do so, and later, craves another

glass. Physicians state that this is evidence that the system is out of order and that water is needed internally as well as outside. So the patient is told to drink as much as he can hold.

There are more physicians, mostly of the quack variety, in this city than in any other of several times its population. There is a continual war between the "regulars" and the "quacks." Those who have "runners" and advertise in the newspapers are called quacks by those who consider themselves too dignified to solicit business in common with other professions and trades. Those who are considered as not "regulars" have their agents on the incoming trains who, at a glance, single out the lame, the halt and the otherwise sick. The drummer approaches,



HELL'S HALF ACRE.

hands him the card of Dr. Cureall and at once begins to sing his praises. Incidentally he is also "outing" for some boarding house, and if he lands the victim he more than "kills two birds with one stone." The doctor pays him a commission ranging from 25 to 50 per cent., according to the condition of the patient, physically and financially. He gets a small commission from the boarding-house and, as the patient is now under the influence, he patronizes the designated bathhouse, and the touter also gets a small commission out of that. The "regulars" rail at this "underhanded" method of getting business, meetings are frequently held, and some one of their members is expelled. Some of the loudest denouncers of this practice secretly connive at it, and detectives are employed to get incriminating evidence. Next the judicial war on



gamblers, the "doctors' war," is one of the most exacting features of life at Hot Springs.

Every few months a mass meeting is held, at which it is "resolved" to clear the town of gamblers—especially those of the bunco stripe. The hotel keepers and physicians state that no sooner does a sick man arrive than he is robbed by the gamblers, and as the patient has only a limited amount of money he is compelled to return home before he has received any benefit from the waters. His stay being cut short, he denounces the town and everyone in it. Hotel keepers have told me that these "capers" are found in the lobbies seeking victims after the daily arrival of trains, and the buncoists even invade private boarding and lodging houses under the pretense of being invalids, where they remain as long as victims are to be fleeced, or until they are discovered and kicked out. To their shame, be it said, there are some citizens who persistently oppose the closing of the gambling dens, claiming that "gambling brings money into the city and makes times better."

The maintenance of a vagabond class of gamblers is not only a detriment to a community, but a disgrace. They live upon the industry of others, producing nothing themselves.

All kinds of fakirs are seen on the streets. One sells tarantulas and another has a drove of donkeys, with negro boy attendants, for hire.

In the early days "squatters' wars" were frequent, and the town was hot in more respects than one. Settlers built shanties near the springs and held their possessions with a shotgun. Finally the government dispossessed them, and they now pay a yearly rental. The bathhouses pay to the government a stated rental per year, based on the amount of water used. The water is measured out into tanks, and it is currently believed that some of the tanks leak.

There are several springs beyond the limits of the reservation in what is known as "Hell's Half Acre." These are reserved for the indigent poor, who bathe without money and without price, and mainly subsist on charity. They come from the adjoining states of Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. They beg their way on freight trains and walk back, cured and sound.



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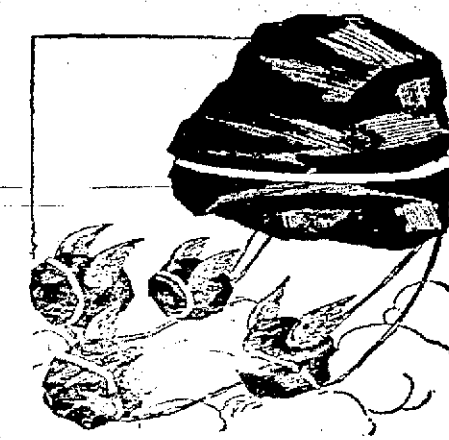


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A. E. MCKINNON, CITY EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1896.

Judge Dickey's attempt to make Congressman Odell and Edward H. Hobbs, a Republican politician of Brooklyn, receivers of the Murray Hill Bank, has ended in disastrous failure. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in both Brooklyn and New York reversed his decision as soon as they were brought before them and Judge Trux, in accordance with the rulings of the Appellate Division, has signed an order directing that all assets be turned over to Miles M. C'Brien and Spencer Trask, the receivers originally named. The attempt to make Messrs. Odell and Hobbs receivers of the bank was generally regarded as a scheme to reward them for political services and its failure will occasion no regret among those who hope to see our courts kept free from even an appearance of partisan bias.

The silk manufacturers of Paterson met, Monday evening, to discuss tariff changes, and formulate their views for submission to Congress. The general opinion was that they already had all the protection they needed against European competition, and that with a few changes to meet the new conditions arising from Japanese competition, the present duties would do well enough. Mr. Lambert, of Dexter, Lambert & Co., one of the oldest and most successful of Paterson's manufacturers, who said he had been through many tariff fights, strongly advised against making any unreasonable demands, and warned those present against asking for a prohibitory tariff, which would not shut out foreign competition, for it would tempt smart foreign manufacturers to start factories here, and competition would be sharper than it already is. The silk manufacturers have learned much by experience, and if manufacturers in other lines would take the same sensible view of tariff legislation it would be a very simple matter to frame a tariff bill that would furnish all the revenue needed, and be satisfactory to every manufacturing interest.

GUESSING AT THE ELECTORAL VOTE

The O. and W.'s Prize of a Thousand Mile Book Divided Between Earlville and Norwich Guessers.

The General Passenger Department of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company advertised to give free of charge a thousand mile book to the first person guessing nearest the correct number of electoral votes given each of the presidential candidates, each person accompanying their annual fall excursion to New York, on October 26th last, being entitled to one guess.

Now that the official vote by States renders it possible to make up a tabulated statement, it is found that the two persons guessing the nearest are C. W. Smith, of Earlville, N. Y., and Asa Aldrich, of Norwich, N. Y., their guesses being 274 and 273, while the correct vote was McKinley 274, Bryan 174.

As it was impossible to ascertain in which of the two guesses above named it was received first, it has been decided to award a five hundred mile book to each and the same have been awarded to them. There were many hundreds of guesses received, a number of which were in close proximity to the result.

A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Why a Well Known Clergyman Was Willing to Be Kicked Around a Block.

One of Middletown's best known and most popular clergymen ordered some Christmas greens of a mountaineer, not long ago. The man brought them Monday night. He was very drunk, so drunk that the clergyman refused to pay him and told him to leave to wait till he was sober.

Tuesday morning, the clergyman met as he thought, the purveyor of greens on the street and said to him, "I am glad to see that you are sober this morning. Now that you are fit to do business I'll pay you for those greens."

It was a very wonderful voice that answered. "I never was drunk in my life and I never sold you any greens." The clergyman tumbled to himself at once and his suit answer that turned away with a request for the man whom he had taken for the tipsy vendor of greens to "kick him around the block."

Injured by a Fall.

Francis Mackin, while shovelling snow at his home, No. 37 John street, this morning, received a bad fall in which he sustained injuries to his knee that will probably lay him up for some time. He slipped on a board and fell upon his knee. It is not believed any bones are broken, but the muscles are bruised and probably torn. The knee is so badly swollen that his physicians are glad to tell the full extent of the injury.

Fought Dogs for \$25 a Side.

At a Town or Goshen race, yesterday afternoon, a dog owned by a Goshen man fought a dog owned by a Florida man for \$25 a side. The fight was a long one and was won by the Goshen dog. The fight was witnessed by a number of sports, among whom were several from this city.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Restorer and Rheumatism, Weak Backs. At drugists, only 25c.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

A MAD LOVER'S CRIME.

Killed Three Persons Including His Sweetheart and Then Committed Suicide.

BY UNITED PRESS.

MADEIRA, Minn., Dec. 23.—John Mott, aged 25, shot and killed Jennie Joblinski, the latter's son, 19, and his daughter, 16. A fourth person was badly wounded. Mott then committed suicide.

FAILURE OF A WISCONSIN BANK

BY UNITED PRESS.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Bank of West Superior closed its doors, today. Its capital and surplus is \$100,000. It was a depositor in the National Bank of Illinois, of Chicago.

CHICAGO BANKS ALL RIGHT.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Comptroller Eckles received a telegram this morning from Chicago, saying that everything was quiet, and no further bank failures are anticipated.

POISONED BY WOOD ALCOHOL.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—Eight men living near here drank wood alcohol. Two are dead and two are in a critical condition. The others will recover.

FATAL WRECK ON THE ERIE.

Engineer and Fireman Killed in a Singular Accident on the Hackensack Meadows.

As an Erie freight train was crossing the Hackensack meadows, at 7:30 o'clock last night, an axle under a car loaded with lumber broke. The jolting of the car threw three heavy pieces of timber on the west bound track directly in front of the Waldwick local, which was approaching at full speed. The heavy timbers threw the engine of the passenger train from the track, and the engineer John Bogart, of Paterson, and the fireman, U. G. Hulleck, of Waldwick, were killed.

The loosened timbers which remained on the flat car scraped against the passenger train, smashing windows and badly frightening passengers, none of whom were, however, seriously injured.

CHILDREN MADE HAPPY.

First Presbyterian Sunday School Pupils Entertained and Feasted.

The First Presbyterian Church Sunday School was very pleasantly entertained in the lecture room of the church, last evening, by Prof. Bausch, a mind reader, who performed many feats that puzzled even the older heads among those present, and completely mystified the children.

After the entertainment ice cream and cake were served to all present, and as the children left the room each was presented with an orange.

ONLY BURNING RUBBISH.

A Bonfire at the State Hospital Taken for Burning Farm Buildings.

A bright light which illuminated the sky west of the city about six o'clock, last evening, created considerable speculation as to whose property was being consumed and several positive statements as to the exact location were given out, and several farmers were the recipients of condolences this morning.

The fire was in a field back of the State Hospital farm buildings, where a quantity of rubbish old barrels, etc., was being burned.

Wants Descriptions of Geo. Lee's Board Jumpers.

George Lee received, yesterday, a letter from A. B. Vanderbeck, the publisher of the *Suffern Independent*, asking for descriptions of the woman and two men who recently jumped their board bills at the Madison House. Mr. Vanderbeck says that possibly they are parties whom he wishes to locate.

Women who are weak and nervous, who have no appetite and cannot sleep, find strength and vigor in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample bottle free. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

A Short Cut to Health.

To try to cure constipation by taking pills is like going round in a circle. You will never reach the point sought, but only get back to the starting point. A perfect natural laxative is Baron's Celery King, the celebrated remedy for all nerve, blood, stomach, liver and kidney diseases. It regulates the bowels. J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, will give you a sample package free. Large sizes 25 and 50 cents.

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Will cure the worst forms of female complaints, all ovarian troubles, inflammation and ulceration, falling and displacements of the womb, and consequent spinal weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the change of life. Every time it will cure Backache. It has cured more cases of leucorrhoea by removing the cause, than any remedy the world has ever known; it is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in an early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancerous humors. Lydia E. Pinkham's Liver Pills work in unison with the Compound, and are a sure cure for constipation and sick headache. Mrs. Pinkham's Sanative Wash is of great value for local application.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Harmonia Council, No. 1,006, American Legion of Honor.

Harmonia Council, No. 1,006, American Legion of Honor, last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander—John Schmidt.
Vice Commander—Julius Heineg.
Secretary—R. L. Forthofer.
Collector—J. Gunther.
Treasurer—N. Schellenberg.
Orator—Mrs. E. Gottwald.
Past Commander—A. Goitwald.
Guide—Mrs. E. Roth.
Chaplain—Fred Gries.

Martha Washington Lodge, Rebecca Degree, I. O. O. F.

The annual election of officers of Martha Washington Lodge, Rebecca Degree, I. O. O. F., took place last evening, and resulted as follows:

N. G.—Mrs. E. B. Quick.
V. G.—Mrs. Esther Clemons.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Bryon Miller.
Per. Sec.—Mrs. W. H. McQuoid.
Treas.—Mrs. Harvey Goodgion.
Trustees—Willis G. Tice, Mrs. C. J. Thayer, Mrs. C. H. Brown.

The installation will take place January 12th, when the Noble Grand will announce her appointments.

Mannerchor Germania.

The Mannerchor Germania at its meeting, Monday night, elected the following officers:

President—Clement Heiss.
Vice-Pres.—Joseph Vogel.
Rec. Secretary—Ernst Meyer.
Fin. Secretary—Otto Haack.
Treasurer—Wim Kurtz.
Librarian—William Hutt.
Color Bearer—Henry Thonmann.

On Duty as a New York Policeman.

J. Kuba Carpenter, of this city, has received his appointment as a New York policeman and went on duty, last night.

Impure

Blood is certain to manifest itself in some way and it often assumes a serious form. Right here in our own city Hood's Sarsaparilla has done a wonderful work by purifying the blood. Read the following: "My little granddaughter, Mary Elsie McGuire, who makes her home with me, was so deaf three years ago that anyone had to shout to make her hear. She had abscesses in her ears which would break out and run. She would have these attacks for weeks at a time. It commenced in one ear, at first, and finally it was in both ears. The discharges from these abscesses, owing to impure

Blood

would often continue for several weeks. The doctor said she would always be deaf. I saw Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised so much, had read of the wonders it had done for others and I thought if it would help one it would help another. We gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she took two bottles. Boils broke out all over her and scabs formed around her mouth. Her throat was full of canker and her blood was full of humor. The breaking out finally disappeared and she has no humor or abscesses since. She can hear now as well as anyone. My little daughter, Bessie, had a scrofula tumor a year ago last fall which resembled canker or diphtheritic sore throat. I gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she has not had any since. Whenever she

Needs

If I give her and also the other children Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify the blood and keep them well and healthy. My husband, when he feels poorly, takes it for a general tonic. He believes there is nothing like it and that it is better than all of the doctor's medicine. We all have great faith in it and never mean to be without it in the house. I have told a great many people what it has done for Mary and our Bessie and have recommended them to use it." Mrs. MARY LEONARD, 21 Cooper St., Taunton, Mass.

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We have the useful goods which are appreciated for men's boys—Suits, Overcoats, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs Neckwear, Gloves, Caps, Silk Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Velvet Vests, Children's Leggings, etc.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1896.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Fair and colder to-night; Thursday cloudy and threatening, northeasterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the reading of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 20°; 12 m., 26°; 3 p. m., 24°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.
—Dec. 21—Ball of Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 22—"Peck's Bad Boy," at Casino.
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.
—Jan. 1, 15, 29—Bachelor Club hops.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
—Orange 15 cents a dozen at J. W. Sloan's.
—Bowker's p. alloy supplies at Houston Bros'.
—Cut prices on holiday goods at W. D. Olney's.
—Christmas presents at Geo. B. Adams'.
—See First National Bank report.
—Holiday goods cheap at H. E. Churchill's.
—Raffle for turkeys at 51 Cottage street.
—Raffle for turkeys at Eagle's building.
—"The last act," See adv. of Matthews & Co.
—Five line of presents at Economy Store.
—See jury list on third page.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.
—"Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas night.

—"Peck's Bad Boy" will be produced at the Casino, next Monday evening.
—"Don't fail to see "Black Crook" at the Casino, Christmas.

—Umpqua Tribe of Red Men will dance at the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow evening.

—"Black Crook" will undoubtedly draw a good house at the Casino, on Christmas night.

—Remember the printers' grand masquerade ball at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday evening, Jan. 14.

—The ancient English custom of carol singing is to be taken up and put in practice by a number of Newburgh vocalists on Christmas eve.

—Monday and yesterday were the shortest days of the year, and from now on the days will begin to lengthen, imperceptibly for a time, but growing longer all the same.

—Eric train 7, a very popular one for Middletowners, was behind the wreck at Berry's Creek, last night, and did not reach this city until 12:15, this morning. There were but few Middletowners on board.

—The lightness of the snow, this morning, rendered it a comparatively easy matter for trains to make their way through it, and but very little delay was caused on any of the roads. Should a wind storm come, however, before the snow is packed, there would be trouble.

PERSONAL.

—Harvey Olm, of this city, went to New York, this morning, on business.

—H. Hastings Canfield, of Lehigh University, arrived home, yesterday, for the holiday vacation.

—City Engineer C. H. Smith and family, left town, on Eric train No. 1, for Horn-Hillville, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's father, ex-Sheriff George Hollins.

—Miss Madeline Quail of Newburgh, who is well known in this city, where she has often been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Tompkins, gave a trolley party to Orange Lake, last night. Skating and a dinner at the Pine Point Club were the entertainments provided for her guests.

—Invitations have been received in this city to the marriage of Miss Roz. Griffin Cudney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Cudney, to Robert Mirum Knapp, at the home of the bride in Spring Glen, on Jan. 5th. Miss Cudney has been a frequent visitor in town and has many friends here.

—The Snow Plow Called Out.

Superintendent Urban and Assistant Superintendent Gausman, of the Traction Company, started out with the snow plow at 5 o'clock, this morning, and cleared the track of snow. The first trip was made to the State Hospital, then the cross town line was cleared and then the big car started for Goshen. The snow was light and easily brushed aside, but the job at that early hour was not a pleasant one, nevertheless.

Caught in the "Jimpers."

William Thompson, an employe in the handle shop at the saw works, had the two first fingers of his left hand caught in the "jimpers," a machine used for cutting out saw handles, and both were badly cut. It is feared that he may lose one of the members.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

To Take a Vacation for the Holidays—Exercises in the Primary Grades—Programmes Rendered.

The public schools of this city closed this afternoon for the holiday vacation. There were examinations in the higher grades and exercises by the pupils in the primary grades. The programmes rendered were as follows:

LINDEN AVENUE.

Miss Maud Morgans and Miss Mary E. Crist—teachers.

Song—Christmas Bells.
Scho. I.

Recitation—When I Am Big.
Seymour Anderson.

Recitation—Old Santa Claus.
Tracy Warren.

Recitation—To Santa Claus.
Lulu Robinson.

Recitation—My Stockings.
Hattie Ralston.

Song—O Christmas Tree.
School.

Recitation—A Christmas Puzzle.
Wilson Martin.

Song—Christmas Time is Coming.
Pansy White, Eva Butler, Ada Schindler, Ruth Perry, Charles Bartle, Harry Horton, Floyd Wagner, Archie Hare.

Recitation—Christmas for Two.
Marion Crosby.

Song—There's a Jolly Old Fellow.
Ruth Perry.

Recitation—Christmas is Best.
Roy Warren.

Recitation—A Note to Santa Claus.
Emma Hart.

Song—Santa Claus is Coming.
School.

Recitation—A Christmas Jing'e.
Eddie Crosby.

Recitation—A Song of Christmas.
Venie Ogden.

Recitation—Christmas Has Come at Last.
Josephine Boyea.

Motion Song—Snow Bird.
School.

Bags of candies, nuts, etc., distributed to children.

Closing Song—School Time Now is Over.
Miss Katherine Harris and Miss Grace Schoonmaker, teachers.

Song—Song of the Bells.
School.

Recitation—Welcome.
Cleaton Reynolds.

Recitation—Electricity of Santa Claus.
Josie Faulkner.

Recitation—My Stockings.
Nina Reynolds.

Recitation—Monsieur Christmas.
Genevieve Poole.

Recitation—A Christmas Present.
Jennie Finch.

Song—A Christmas Song.
School.

Recitation—A Telephone Message.
Mabel Belding.

Recitation—Deceiving Santa Claus.
Bessie Green.

Recitation—Christmas Eve.
Mabel Johnson.

Recitation—Filling the Stockings.
Morrie Snowdy.

Song—Come back, Santa Claus.
Hattie Adams, Ethel Bowers, Josephine Brown, Nettie Curran, Nellie Clark.

Recitation—A Note to Santa Claus.
Amy Boyea, Emma Hulce.

Recitation—Dorothy's Surprise.
Earl Matthews.

Recitation—Quite Like a Stocking.
Cora Reddick.

Song—Kind Sir, Will You Buy.
Florence and Gussie Van Duzer.

Song—Now's the time for Santa Claus.
School.

Miss Bertha Morgans, teacher:
Song—Hallelujah.
School.

Recitation—December.
Ira Moore.

Recitation—All the World's a Xmas Tree.
Harry Faulkner.

Recitation—Snow Apples.
Frances Green.

Recitation—Kitty's Xmas.
Edna St. John.

Song—Old Santa Claus.
School.

Recitation—Christmas Carol.
Arthur Lyd.

Recitation—The Stockings' Ball.
Edna Price.

Recitation—My Xmas Doll.
Nellie Rose.

Song—Clap, Clap the Hands.
School.

Recitation—Old Tab's Xmas.
Florence Van Duzer.

Recitation—Xmas.
Ray Whitlock.

Recitation—The Mice.
Ned Centot.

Duet—Snow Bird.
Margaret Hess and Alice Van Derhoff.

Recitation—Miss Snowflake's Party.
Belle Bowers.

Recitation—Not the Effect Intended.
Le Verna Kauffman.

Bags of candies, nuts, etc., distributed to children.

Song—Hurrah for Santa.
School.

HIGH STREET—PRIMARY GRADE.

Miss Nora A. Roosa, teacher.

Song—Carol, Sweetly Carol.
School.

Recitation—Dressing Mary Ann.
Clara Still.

Recitation—My Stockings.
Chauncey Warner.

Song—Ring Out the Bells.
School.

Recitation—Letter to Santa Claus.
Gertrude Vaughn.

Recitation—Baby.
Christine Stevens.

Song—Silent Night.
Florence Quigley.

Recitation—The Cat and the Bird.
Alfred Blakeney.

Recitation—Come Little People.
Olivia Myers.

Recitation—Santa Claus.
Mattie Rourke.

Song—Santa Claus' Bells.
School.

WINCHESTER BUILDING—PRIMARY GRADES.

The pupils of the primary grades in the Winchester building, under the direction of Misses Anna A. McCann and Belle Austin, teachers, gave the following programme:

Song—Father in Heaven Above.
School.

Address of Welcome.
Harry Gillen.

Song—Jolly Old St. Nicholas.
School.

Recitation—Merry Christmas.
Lena Russell.

Recitation—Santa's Visit.
Bessie Baldwin.

Recitation.

Jessie Toats.
Song—Hanging up the Baby's Stocking.
Maggie Hail, Bertha Hill, Alice Whitaker, Clinton Vail, Arthur Doell, Leo Talnage, Chorus by school.
Recitation—Our Little Maid and Our Little Man.
George Rodgers.

Christmas Exercise—Mother Goose.
George Minshall, Cora Hall, Robert Gray, Mabel Bross, John Crouse, Clark Landfield, Russell Rodgers.

Recitation—James Rorty.
School.

Song—Grandpa.
Recitation—Mother Hubbard's Christmas Cupboard.
Lise Marsden.

Recitation—Santa Claus.
Winnie Burt.

Exercise—Seven Little Cooks.
Pansy Penny, Ethel King, Lena Russell, Elsie Marsden, Pearl Allen, Hattie Goldsmith, Edna O'Neill.

Recitation—Earl Patterson.
Recitation—Six Santa Claus.
Mary O'Neill.

Song—Jingle Bells.
Ethel King, Louis Green and school.

Recitation—My Baby Brother.
Arthur Doell.

Recitation—A Telephone Message.
Genevieve Lyd.

Song and Chorus—Christmas Chimes.
Viola Doell and school.

Recitation—A Quaver Note.
Clinton Vail.

Exercise—Messengers of the New Year.
Herald, Harold Chambers, messengers, Mabel Freer, Grace Benson, Etta Smith, Edith Carr, Alice Whitaker, Bertha Hill, Ethel Fuller, Maud Horton.

Song—Santa Land.
School.

Distribution of gifts.
Class Song.
School.

A neat Christmas tree was erected in the school room, laden with gifts of popcorn and candy for each of the 101 pupils, besides a warm pair of gloves for the janitor.

BENTON AVENUE.

At the Benton Avenue School grades one and two of the primary department gave the following exercises, after which candies and nuts were distributed from a tree to the children. The teachers in charge are Miss Lillian J. Cox and Kathryn Startup.

Song—Christmas Time is Coming.
Rooms One and Two.

Recitation—The Little Stockings.
Henrietta Turill.

Concert Recitation—Jack Frost.
Room One.

Song—Little Jack Frost.
Rooms One and Two.

Recitation—Jack and Jill.
Stanley Vail.

Song—O, Christmas Tree.
Rooms One and Two.

Recitation—Suggestions of the Christmas Child.
Carrie Haring.

Duet—See Amid the Winter's Snow.
Eva Gould and Hortense Brinkerhoff.

What the Mother Goose Children Want for Christmas.
Dorrie Truax, Walter Truax, Ferris Starr, Pauline DeWitt, Elizabeth Horton, Julia Stevens, Harold Fish, Benjamin Ward, Jennie Hamlin, Elvira Van Seiver.

Song—The Stocking Ball.
Stanley Douglas.

Song—Carol, Oh, Carol.
Rooms 1 and 2.

Recitation—Santa Claus.
Russell Ende.

Recitation—A Note to Santa.
Victoria Badwig.

Song—Jingle Bells.
Rooms 1 and 2.

Song—Jingle Bells.
BEATRICE HILL.

Miss Catherine Green and Miss Jennie Berthoff, teachers.

Song—Merry Christmas Bells.
School.

Recitation—Christmas.
Penelope Rogers.

Recitation—Christmas.
Herbert Ackerman.

Song—Jack Frost.
School.

Recitation—Jack Frost.
Clinton Medrick.

Song—Jolly Old St. Nicholas.
Six Little Girls.

Recitation—Christmas Stocking.
Royal Hoff.

Recitation—Christmas.
Florence Cudney.

Song—Carol, O Carol.
School.

Recitation—A note to Santa.
Frances Roberts.

Song—"Tis a Merry Christmas.
Lulu Seefeld.

Recitation—Santa Claus.
Catherine Desmond.

Recitation—Santa Claus' Girl.
Floy Pine.

Christmas Carol.
School.

Recitation—Santa and the Mouse.
Edna Townsend.

Song—Snow Bird.
Five Children.

Song—Merry Christmas Bells.
School.

After the entertainment boxes of candy were distributed from a Christmas tree.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

At the Truant School, the teacher, J. C. Mullison, presented each one of his scholars with a package of candy at the close of the afternoon session.

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Street School, in charge of Miss Brewster, but no special programme had been prepared.

The programme of the Bennett Hill School will be published to-morrow.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

Mrs. Stewart's kindergarten in Hill's building closed for the holidays, this morning. The parents and friends of the little tots were present. The exercises consisted of songs and marching by the children.

There was a Christmas tree, on which was placed the articles made by the children during the term, and in which they justly felt great pride.

The little folks brought with them a quantity of books, toys, etc., for presents for poor children, which will be distributed by the Ladies' Missionary Union.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN COSHEN.

Christmas Services at the Pre-byterian Church—A "Smoker"—To Wind the Town Clock—Christmas Decorations.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Next Sunday morning and evening Christmas services will be held in the First Pre-byterian Church.

—J. Howell Lockwood, who has been ill for some time, is much improved.

—The G. S. A. A. "smoker" will be held on Tuesday evening. A very pleasing programme has been arranged.

—Fred Strack, Jr., has been appointed to take care of the town clock in the place of his deceased father.

—All the village churches have been handsomely decorated for the holidays.

—The Board of Trustees audited a number of bills, Monday evening.

Strike in Millen & Co.'s Kingston Factory.

Nine girls employed in felling seams on shirts in Millen & Co.'s Kingston factory struck, last week, against a reduction in their wages of from thirteen to ten cents a dozen. After the strike a still further reduction to eight cents a dozen was made and the girls left the factory.

Special Meeting of State Hospital Managers.

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the State Hospital will be held, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to elect a Secretary in the place of George H. De Ker, who, when his term expired, was not reappointed because he is a Democrat.

Change of Meeting Night.

The regular meeting of Empire Council, A. L. H., comes this year on Christmas night, therefore it has been decided to hold the meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 26th, when the annual election of officers will take place.

Christmas at St. Joseph's Church.

Three masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Christmas Day. There will be a high mass at 5:30 a. m., low mass at 9 a. m., and high mass again at 11 o'clock.

Must Pay for a Broken Bicycle.

In Squire Shaw's court in Port Jervis, Monday, a verdict for \$12 was given Thomas Harris in his suit against John Flanagan to recover for damages done his bicycle in a road collision.

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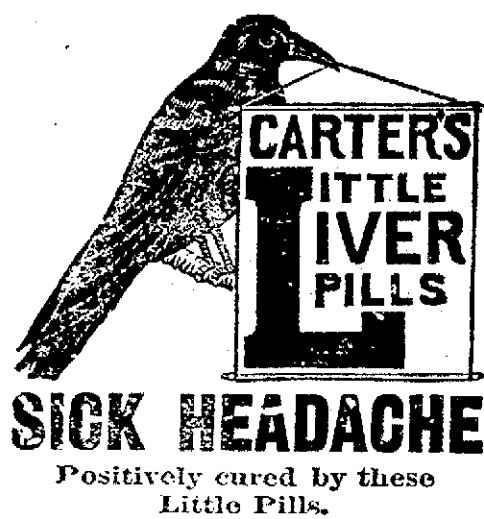
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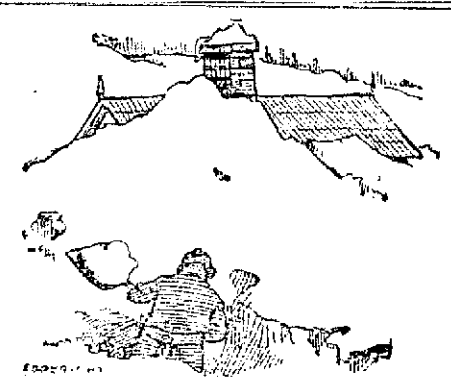
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AN INTERESTING RELIC.

A Battered Tablet from the Ancient Temple of Herod.

In the interesting museum of antiquities at Constantinople the object that struck me most was a heavy, battered tablet, with a long Greek inscription cut on it in seven lines. It was discovered in Jerusalem about the end of May, 1871, by the French archaeologist, Clermont-Ganneau, at a considerable depth below the ground, in the foundations of an Arab house, not far from the mosque of Omar, on what might have been the site of the temple of Herod.

This is one of the very few relics of that magnificent structure which have survived to our day. The inscription is in capital monumental letters and may be translated thus: "No stranger can enter within the balustrade round the sanctuary and inclosures. Whoever is caught will be responsible to himself for his death." Josephus gives a graphic description of Herod's temple and mentions that the court of the Gentiles was separated from the part that was restricted to the Jews by two parallel walls, about 15 feet apart. The outer wall was about 4 1/2 feet high. It was an elaborate carved stone balustrade with 13 doors in it, each of which had a pillar in front of it, bearing an inscription in Greek and Latin, forbidding any foreigner to enter the inclosure on pain of death. Josephus mentions that the Romans respected this law and no Gentile ever ventured to intrude beyond this point.

The prohibition in question, however, was long regarded as apocryphal, even although Philo spoke of the inscription and corroborated the statement of the Jewish historian. But the discovery of Clermont-Ganneau has placed the matter beyond dispute. The tablet which he found was part of one of the columns guarding the inner sanctuary from the approach of unhallowed feet, and the connection between the inscription carved on it and the passage in Josephus is most striking. The expressions and forms are almost identical. There is indeed a curious variation in the Greek word for "balustrade," or partition wall. In the passage in Josephus it is *triphaltos*, whereas in the inscription it is *triphaltos*; but this variation may be accounted for by the fact that Josephus used the correct classical term, while the inscription spelled the word according to the Jewish method of pronouncing it, changing a *d* into a *t*. Josephus twice refers to the inscription, once in his "Antiquities," and the parallel passages are differently worded, showing that he did not intend to give the exact phraseology of the stone monument, but only the sense; and, therefore, that the tablet should give the sense of Josephus' words, without his exact expression, is just what might have been expected in such a discovery. According to Clermont-Ganneau, the tablet is the most ancient, as well as the most interesting Greek inscription which archaeological investigation in Jerusalem has produced. Its bearings are most important. It supplies a standard of comparison by which to distinguish the Herodian sculpture and palseographic works from those of previous or later days.—Sunday at Home.

Suffocated by Sulphur.

While two men were hunting on the Yellowstone river, they saw in a small gulch a grizzly bear, curled up as if asleep. Being men of experience, they climbed up the side of the gulch and, when out of reach, hurled rocks at the huge animal. To their surprise it never moved, although hit quite frequently. Presently it dawned upon them that the grizzly was dead, and closer examination revealed such to be a fact. There was no wound on its body, and while the men were pondering over this singular circumstance, they became conscious of a sense of suffocation from strong sulphur fumes, arising from several holes in the ground near by. At some risk they investigated further and found the skeletons of four other bears, an elk, squirrels and other small game, all evidently asphyxiated by the noxious gases. The gulch proved a natural basin in which the gas settled and, as it is heavy and lies near the surface, quadrupeds fell on a charnel in this death-trap. Even the hunters suffered from severe head-ache and nausea, after their brief stay. Sunday.

Buried Cities in Central Asia.

The Norwegian traveler, Sven Hedin, has contributed to a German journal, an interesting account of his journeyings in central Asia in the last north of the Kwenchen mountains. Ruins of many towns were discovered which had been buried by successive sandstorms spreading over a thousand years, hence very modern in construction consisting of wooden pillars, while the walls were put together of plaited reeds covered with mud. The latter were rendered at once imperious and suitable for decoration by being coated with white plaster. Drawings were discovered on these walls, and well executed, of human figures, horses, dogs and flowers, and judging by the copies which have been brought back, of no small artistic merit. Small figures of Buddha were also dug up, as well as various fruit trees which told a tale of the bygone days when this arid surface was once made fertile by the waters of the River Kerija.—N. Y. Post.

A Curiosity, Indeed.

"I don't see anything peculiar about this specimen," said the visitor to the museum as he stepped in front of the last chair.

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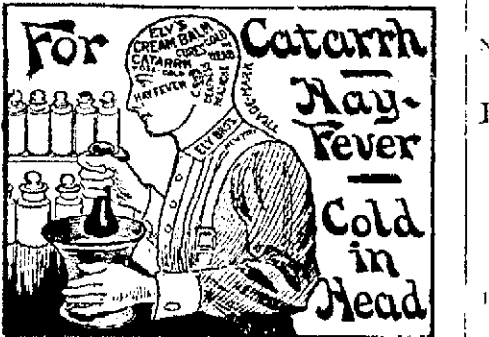


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ORIGINAL SQUIRREL HUNTING.

Poked Out of Their Holes with Sticks and Baggies by the Dozen.

It requires a woods from the Jersey shore to hunt in an original manner, and the following tale portrays a new and decidedly unique method of killing squirrels. Recently Kelly Smith and David Hill, two well-known hunters of Jersey Shore Junction, shouldered their guns and started out in quest of squirrels on Shore mountain, a famous resort for Mr. Bushy Tail and his kin in that section of Lycoming county. Nary a squirrel could they find for some time, but finally Smith saw a big, fat, black fellow running along the ground, and when he blazed away at it the agile rodent slipped like a flash into a hollow tree trunk lying on the ground, and when the hunters tried to get at it from one end it slipped out of the other end and made for a good-sized tree which it scaled a distance of 15 feet and plumped into a hole. Then something unique occurred. The men at the bottom of the tree heard the chattering of many squirrels, which appeared to be in consultation, for finally one big, gray squirrel popped its head out of the hole and peered at the hunters with a quizzical air, and then disappeared.

The hunters saw game ahead. Hill abandoned his gun, and arming himself with a stick, which he stuck in his belt, commenced to climb the tree. Reaching the hole, he clambered on a branch. Then poking the stick in the hole he began to scare the squirrels out, and out they did come, everyone of them big, fat, juicy black and gray fellows to the number of 15. Smith on the ground below had great sport knocking them over as they tried to reach the next tree, and succeeded in bagging every one of them.

But something else was to follow. The banging of Smith's gun made a terrible noise, and awakened to a sense of danger something more than common, ordinary squirrels, for just as Hill was about to descend he became conscious of a pair of savage bright eyes glaring at him from the hole, and this apparition was supplemented by a body covered with bristling hair. It emitted a savage snarl, and the sight wasn't a pleasant one to witness at such close quarters. Hill's hair became suddenly erect, and he had that sinking feeling, for wild with fear he cried out: "My God, it's a catamount!" and with a jump he landed on terra firma and started to run. He was halted by a report from Smith's gun, and returning to the scene of his fright saw an object come tumbling out of the tree to the ground, while Smith, convulsed with laughter, managed to articulate: "Davy, Davy, it's only an opossum!"—Philadelphia Times.

NONE OF HIS TRIBE SURVIVES.

A Dead Parrot of a Variety That Has Been Extinct for Fifty Years.

The Smithsonian institution lately has mounted the rarest bird specimen in this country. The new acquisition is an extinct parrot from Philip Island, a little spot of land between Australia and New Zealand.

Nestor, as he is called from his gray head, has been extinct for nearly half a century. The Smithsonian specimen, which is the only one known in this country, was buried for many years in a gullet down in southern New Mexico. During the worst of the hard times Nestor's owner, a Mr. Hoopes, of Organ City, thought him to realize on his worldly possessions while he could still sell them for gold and knew what he was getting. He sent his rare parrot, which then looked a little the worse for wear and tear, to the Smithsonian institution, but, disheveled as the bird the institution could not raise the price. The deal might have fallen through but just before the election Dr. W. L. Ralph, of Utica, N. Y., a wealthy private collector, and a very good friend of the institution, came through Washington, and, hearing of the Smithsonian man's desire, bought the specimen and presented it to the institution. Just what he paid for it does not matter. It was a big gun. Great odds sell as high as \$1,000 each.

Nestor's proper name, is an impenetrable-looking bird, olive gray on the back and wings, with a pale vermilion necktie and a red and yellow waistcoat. The most remarkable thing about him is a long, cruel-looking beak, which is one sign of his close relationship to the famous sheep-killing parrot of the Alps.

Like the great auk, this unfortunate fowl owes its extinction to the sailors who hunted its whole family to death.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Welsh Rip.

Every nation has a Rip Van Winkle of its own, but the Welsh story of Rip is unique. He is known as Taffy of Sion. One morning Taffy heard a bird singing on a tree close by his path. Allured by the melody, he sat down under the music ceased; when he arose what was his surprise at observing that the tree under which he had taken seat had now become dead and withered. In the doorway of his home, which, to his amazement, had also suddenly grown old, he asked of a strange old man, for his parents, whom he had left there, as he said, a few minutes before. Upon learning his name the old man said: "Alas! Taffy, I have often heard my grandfather, your father, speak of you, and it was said you were under the power of the fairies and would not be released until the last sap of that yew-tree had dried up. Embrace me, my dear uncle, for you are my only-embrace your nephew." Welshmen do not always perceive the humor of this somewhat novel situation of a youth—Taffy was still merely a boy—being hailed as uncle by a gentleman perhaps 40 years his senior.—Linnecott's.

One of His Questions.
 Tommy—Pop, do soldiers ever sleep on duty?
 Tommy's Pop—No, my boy.
 "Then why do they carry knapsacks?"—Philadelphia Record.



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From a Special Correspondent.
—At St. James' a celebration of the holy communion at 7.30 a. m., on Christmas morning, and sermon and second celebration at 11 a. m. There will be no other services during the week excepting evensong at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

—Miss Annie Ostrom, who is taking a three years' course in nursing at St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, spent last week in this village as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Susan B. Ostrom.

—Mrs. George C. Miller and Miss Miller have gone to New York, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

—It was with great sorrow that the people of our community learned of the death of Miss Louise Coleman. Miss Coleman's lovely and sunny disposition had endeared her to a large circle of friends, and many hearts will be saddened at this joyous Christmas time by the thought of the sweet young life, just budding into womanhood, that has gone so suddenly from amongst us.

—When we were children what an eternity seemed to stretch from one Christmas to another. Surely the months had more days in them then than they have now, when the Christmases have a way of racing just as milestones seem to do when we are journeying rapidly.

—It used to be a custom in old times, the writer has been told, for Santa Claus to put a whip into the stocking of the naughty little boy or girl who had hung it up, hoping in expectation of the coveted toy or book or sweets, and she has sometimes wondered what would happen if some of our elders should try the experiment of returning to this juvenile custom. It would be an awful risk for certain of us to run. As the year draws towards its close one is very apt to take to moralizing. Among the many ghosts of dead happenings that are apt to arise out of the past and confront us as we sit alone, those of our broken resolutions are most appalling. We brought them into existence, are responsible for their being and but too often for their early demise and, as the year wanes, there they stand, asking us what we are going to do about them. This is a very awkward question to answer oftentimes, and we are inclined to think it is well to abandon the habit of hanging up our stockings quite early in life.

"THE MIKADO."

The Second Performance an Improvement on the First—Enough Made to Buy Excelsior a Team of Horses.

The second and final performance of "The Mikado" was given at the Casino, last night, before a larger and more appreciative audience than was present on Monday evening. The performance passed off very smoothly and was a decided improvement over the night before. All on the members of the cast acquitted themselves very creditably. The nervousness which was apparent during the first night had disappeared entirely and every one seemed perfectly at home on the stage.

The members of the chorus had also recovered from their stage fright and sang with much more confidence than on Monday evening.

Outer Rowley's souvenir presented between the acts was a pronounced hit. It consisted of a generous portion of macaroon pudding, with spoon, and Japanese napkins folded in grotesque figures.

The receipts, a trifle over \$700, while not as large as many of the members of Excelsior had anticipated, were up to the standard set by the committee on arrangements and a sum sufficient to purchase a team of horses with to be realized. A complete statement cannot be made as yet as many members who had tickets to sell have not yet made their returns.

Died in the New Year.

An old man, whose given name was Augustus, died at an advanced age on the morning of the 21st inst. He was suffering from asthma, and was very poorly when he died. He was a native of the city and had lived here for many years. He was about 70 years of age and is said to have a daughter living in New York.

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